

REMARKS

These remarks are directed to the office action mailed January 29, 2009, setting a three month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 29, 2009. The office action issued by the Examiner and the citations referred to in the office action have been carefully considered.

Prompt reconsideration is requested in view of the above claim amendments and the following remarks. As indicated, amendments introduce no new matter. Claim 1 has been cancelled. Claims 2-7 are currently pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 4-6 have been rejected under 35 USC §112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. Claims 4-6 have been amended to now have proper antecedent bases. Applicant submits that amended claims 4-6 are now patentable under 35 USC §112.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 USC §102 as being anticipated by Kolfertz (GB 1183727). Claim 1 has been cancelled, thereby rendering the Examiner's rejection moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has stated that claims 2, 3, and 7 have would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 4-6 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 USC §112 and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 4, 6, and 7 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of base claim 1. Claims 2, 3, and 5 have been amended to be dependent on the now

allowable claims 4 and 6. Applicant submits that independent claims 4, 6, and 7 and the claims dependent therefrom are now in proper form for allowance.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been successfully traversed and that the application is now in order for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of the application and allowance thereof is courteously solicited.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fee(s) or any underpayment of fee(s), or to credit any overpayments to **Deposit Account Number 50-2638**. Please ensure that Attorney Docket Number 058009-021000 is referred to when charging any payments or credits for this case.

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